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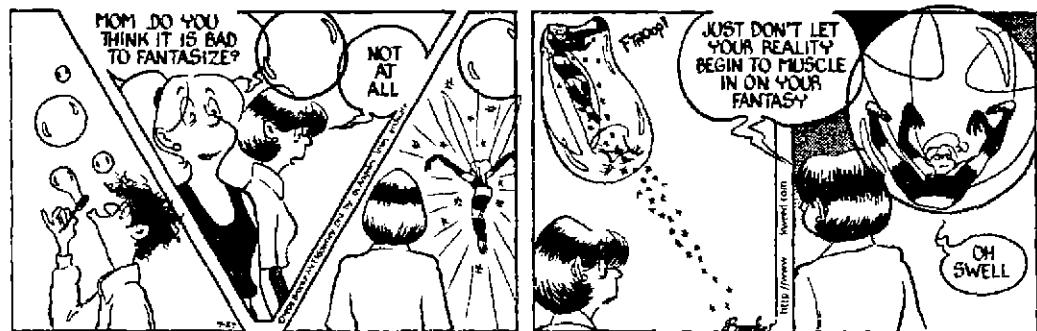
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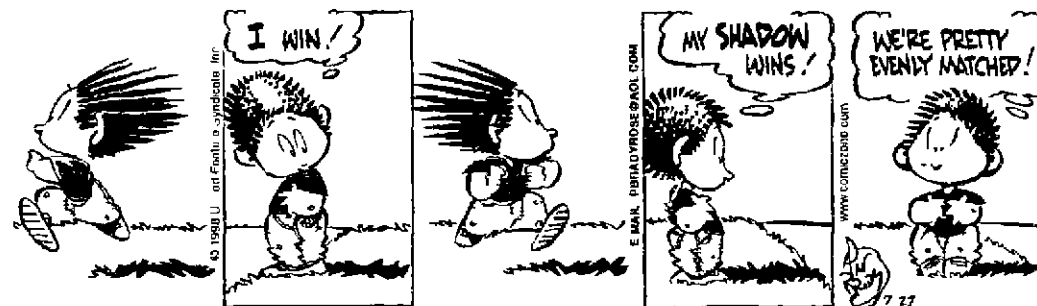
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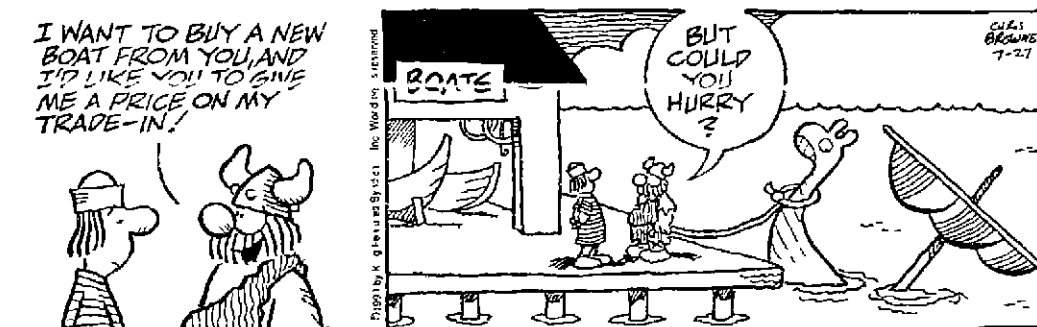
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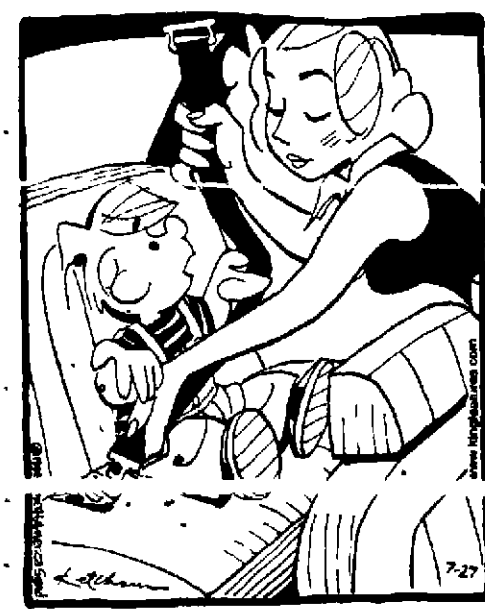
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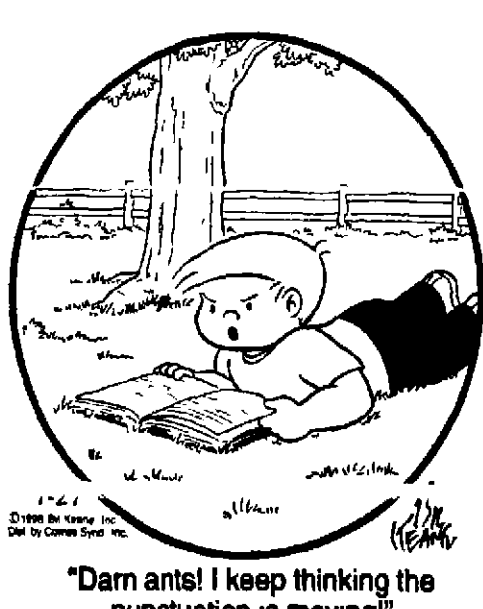
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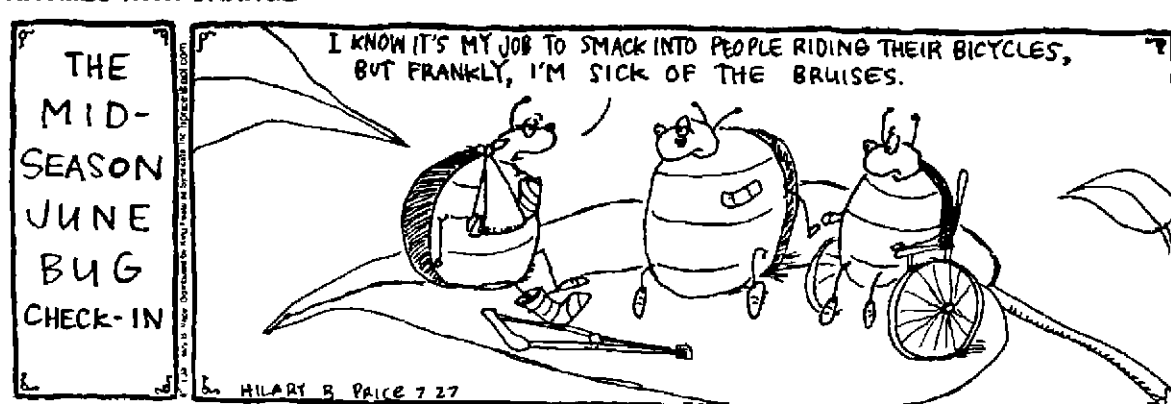
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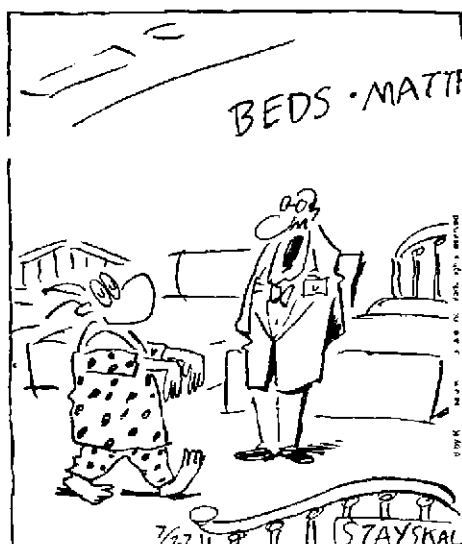
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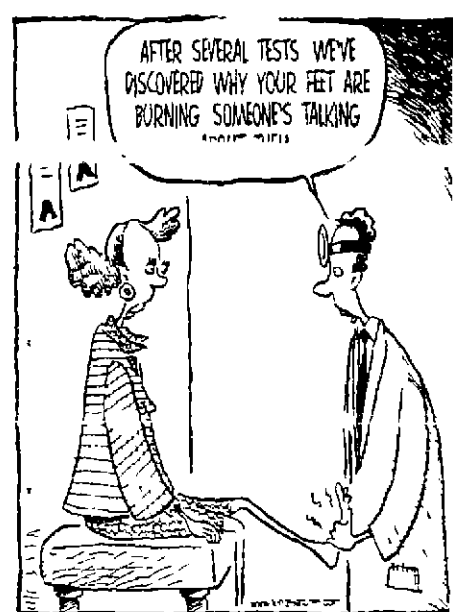
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

TV producer Nor-man Lear is 78
Sportscaster Irv is 78
John Fleschette is 56
Singer Bobbie Gentry is 54
Acress-director Betty Thomas is 50
Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 50
Singer Maureen McGovern is 49
Actress Janet Eilber is 47
Acress Roxanne Hart is 46
Rock musician Karl Mueller (Soul Asylum) is 35
Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 31
Actor Julian McMahon is 30

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

Online Word Score

PAR SCORE 100-110
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7/27/98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Words ending in "dor"

O T Q N K I F C Z W U V R P M
J H H E C Z X U S Q E N L J G
E C U Z X C V T R N R P N L J
H A M B A S S A D O R R R R E
C A I N Y W V O D T O O R P
N L D K I G R A E D D D D D C
B O O Z X O T W A A I N A R O
R U R O D A U C E R P E R O A
S R P N M O I R R M S L B D L
J I O G E P O O D B U P A U A
Y C X W U T C T S Q C S L T P

Saturday's unlisted clue: SQUINT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: BULLFIGHTER

Ambassador	Comdor	Labrador	Toreador
Ardor	Cuspidor	Odor	Tudor
Candor	Ecuador	Picador	Vendor
Condor	Humidor	Splendor	

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

When should I cover an honor with an honor? asks a real There is no simple answer that will cover all situations. In general, one should cover an honor when it might promote something for his side, or when the honor might fall "on air" on the next lead. Sit in West's chair and check today's example. South ruffs the third club and leads the diamond jack. Should West cover to ensure a diamond trick for his side? If he does, he helps declarer instead. South wins in dummy, draws trumps, and concedes a diamond to West's remaining honor. This gives South five trumps, four diamonds and the spade ace for 10 winners. So West shouldn't cover. Why? South's bidding marks him with five diamonds, so whether West covers or not, his diamond trick won't disappear. What are South's alternatives when West doesn't cover? In today's layout, he cannot escape. If he draws two rounds of trumps and repeats the finesse, East ruff and returns a club, giving South a useless stuff and ruff. West gets his diamond trick and the game goes one down. It won't help South to draw all of East's trumps. This eliminates the diamond ruff by East, but when dummy's diamond ace wins the lead of the suit (without a cover by West), South must cash dummy's spade ace and ruff a spade to return to his hand, using last trump. And when he does, West gets his diamond winner a black-suit winner for one down.

NORTH
♠ A Q 7 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ A 5 4
♣ K 6 2

WEST
♠ J 9 6
♥ 8 2
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ J 10 9

EAST
♠ K 10
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 3
♣ A 8 7

SOUTH
♠ 3
♥ A K Q 10 9
♦ J U U U U
♣ 5 4

Vulnerable Both
Dealer North

The bidding

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	P
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	P
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	P
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	P

Opening lead: Club queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0615

ACROSS

- 1 Sound astonished
5 "Hound Dog" man
10 Chicken bite
14 "Tell — My Heart" (1987 hit)
15 Nickels and dimes
16 Author Hunter
17 One who runs a jail?
19 Fiddler while Rome burned
20 Alpha's opposite
21 — school (doctor's training)
22 Chronic nag
23 Twisty curve
24 Broach, as a subject

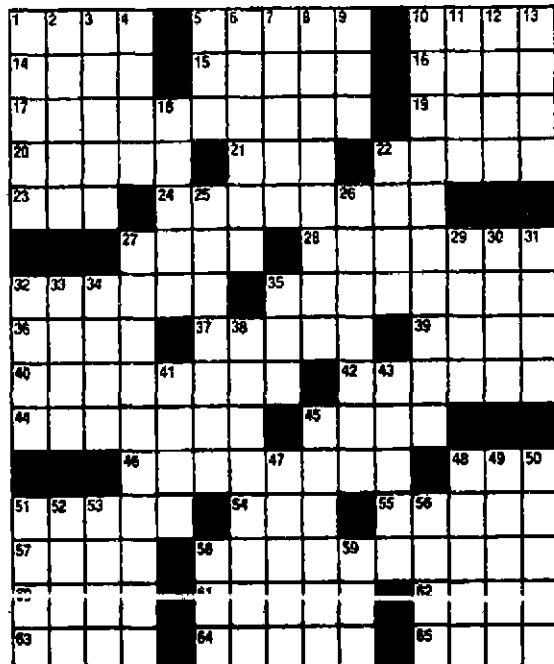
DOWN

- 27 Toe woe
28 Direct path
32 Gas pump rating
35 Adds to the mixture
36 Undecided
37 Something to believe
39 — "Kleine Nachtmusik"
40 Overfrequently
42 TV's Greene and Michaels
44 Seasoned vets
45 Pianist Myra
46 First in time
48 Long time
49 Hardly any
54 Chicken — king
55 Waned
57 Walk the waiting room

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MENACHEM MASSA
OPENHEART AREEL
DISTANTLY TOTAL
ELTON SUP AMASS
LOON RICE ADIT
AGR BONKERS ADA
GETTY EASTER
AGITATO FILTERS

ARA DRAWLED HCH
CASH SMELL BOLO
ANTIC IAN BARER
RIATA STATESMAN
TUTOR SEMIBREVE
EMEND REPEALED



Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

- 30 Prime time hour
31 Chemical endings
32 Director Preminger
33 Groovy
34 Tramped (on)
- 45 Final transport
47 Story of Achilles
48 Put up with
49 Magical wish granter
50 Noses (out)
51 TV commercial
- 52 Bat's home
53 Scored 100 on
54 Tournament passes
55 Train terminal
56 Not again

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